

POLITICAL GOSSIP AT NATIONAL SEAT

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25.—The acknowledged test for personal prosperity is the possession of plenty of dollars and when each dollar is a big dollar. Judged in the light of that definition the much lauded "prosperity" that exists under the present administration is looked upon in the light of a "joke" by residents of the capital. The prices that prevail in Washington, as well as in the rest of the country, have much to do with the fact that more voters are going to their home state from the capital for the coming election, than at any time in years past. When the cost of living climbs beyond wage advances, when the increase in the cost of necessities more than vies with the increase in the number of dollars one possesses, then is the Democratic prosperity not a very welcome thing to discuss in Washington as an argument favorable to the present administration.

Democratic orators the country over are busy telling the people that these high prices are due to the war, due to the abnormal conditions that will pass. But the people at large are beginning to reason that, if the present exorbitant prices are due to the war, the same is also true of wages. The raised and high wages in this country, in so far as there are higher wages, are due to the abnormal flooding of this country with war orders; munitions, steel, boots and shoes, saddles, powder, mules, horses, grain and meat to feed the armies. If Mr. Wilson and the Democratic party are responsible for these conditions then they, too, must be responsible for the war. Judging the Democrats by "normal" conditions would cause a turning to the peace period between March 1913, and August 1, 1914, when, by the summer of 1914 thousands of American workmen were walking the streets looking for work. They should have been at work producing goods that were sweeping in to this country from Germany and England. The Democrats in 1913 had

reduced the tariff protecting American workmen, had thrown them out of work and given their jobs to men in England and Germany. In 1914 before the "war prosperity" began there was more unemployment than this country had seen for years.

As to the high cost of living statistics of Secretary Redfield, who surely ought to know, show an advance of thirty-five per cent over last year, does the war prosperity more than balance this advance?

It happens that there is one set of official figures accessible to Washingtonians on the increase of prices between 1913 and 1916. In 1913 the Democrats came into power and it is interesting to see what has happened to the purchasing value of a dollar since then.

The figures are for wholesale prices but the retail prices which the consumer pays go up in an even proportion to the increase for dealers in large quantities. According to these official figures in 1913 flour cost \$5.75 a barrel; it now costs \$10.00. In 1913 when the Wilson prosperity began a sack of potatoes could be bought for \$2.25; they now cost \$3.50, an increase of fifty-five and one-half per cent. Sugar cost five and one-half cents in 1913 now it costs seven and one-half, an increase of thirty-eight and one-half per cent. Stewing beef has gone up from twelve and one-half to fifteen cents, or twenty per cent.

A recent study of the household economies of twenty men, all heads of families, which was recently conducted showed the extent to which the standard of living in families has been lowered in the last few years.

Of the householders questioned all except one earned more than \$2,000 a year. All stated that not only were their bills for food and clothing higher now than four years ago, but they were using cheaper articles of food and clothing. The mechanic and the skilled and unskilled laborers have been hardest hit under the regime of Democratic prosperity. A reliable and recognized authority on the economics of the poor made the statement this week that a seventeen dollar per week income in 1911, a twenty-dollar income in 1915 and a twenty-two dollar and fifty cent income in 1916, provided the same purchasing value.

Food has increased almost as much during the last year as during the four years preceding. The price of coal and wood has increased far more than fifty per cent in four years. Flour has gone up almost 100 per cent and potatoes and other common vegetables from fifty-five to 110 per cent. Clothing has also gone up, many woollens having doubled in price. The last three years. Not only has the price of textiles gone up, but all other dry-goods lines have followed suit, and, according to reliable authority, no one can forecast when the upward movement will end. Hardware has advanced sixty per cent in three years, and lumber has gone up thirty to forty per cent. Drugs and medicines have advanced out of all proportion to everything else. In this case, however, the war is almost entirely responsible, as imported chemicals have become so scarce that some have increased in market value, 1,200 per cent. This advance in the cost of living, when it begins to be felt by the home, is a far more pertinent issue than "the cost of war" or any other of the Democratic slogans. When a man is hit "where he lives" then he is pretty sure to be counted on to do something to remedy conditions. This is one of the reasons advanced for the large silent vote on which both parties are counting largely. But there is not much question in the minds of people who know as to which way it will go.

The whole thing resolves itself, in the mind of thinking voters into whether the Democratic party is responsible, as it says it is, for the present prosperity. If so, it is also responsible for prices as well as wages and if the purchasing power of a salary now is not as great as formerly, it will take more reasoning than the high sounding phrases about the future delivered from Shadow Lawn to convince the average voter that he is better off and more prosperous than before.

Does it ever occur to you, O ye restless women, that you are trying to upset God's words and laws? Let us glance at some of the dangers from universal suffrage. Our country is already burdened with a vastly ignorant and corruptible vote, for sale to the highest bidder. Are we to increase that purchasable vote? With citizenship comes its duties of jury duty. In California the women serve side by side with the men; many cases are unfit for their ears. Would you like your innocent young daughter to try such cases?

The women claim that they need legislation about the educational laws of their children, etc. By their influence and calling attention to this, wouldn't the fathers of these children remedy these evils? The suffragettes claim that they will be the temperance. Why didn't they give California prohibition when they had it in their power? They not only defeated it, but prevented its consideration for eight years. In Reno, Nev., when the men had repealed the six months' residence for divorce law the women put it back. So they failed most lamentably in those two great states to remove those feasting sources of intemperance and easy divorce. I hear of certain towns in California so given up to graft and grafters that the people are nearly ruined. Surely, with some good men, the women could arise and put out the grafters, but the fact remains that they do not. So, what of their claim that they will purify politics? Doesn't it rather prove the reverse, that while many women have high ideals, the masses, who are the majority, have not?

If we can trust our men enough to marry them, shouldn't we trust them to vote for us? If as mothers we had the rearing and molding of them, and they are such "failures," would we do any better ourselves? So let me beg the Christian men and women to stop and think, and not rush forward to hasten those terrible days predicted in the Bible, "when the women are to rule over them."

A THOUGHTFUL MOTHER.
Elkins, W. Va., Oct. 16.

REED IN GILMER.
Secretary of State Stuart F. Reed, Republican nominee for Congress, will close this week's campaign with a two days' visit to Gilmer county on Friday and Saturday. He will fill speaking engagements and travel through the county, meeting the voters.

RHEUMATISM AND NERVOUSNESS NO LONGER EXIST
ELIZA SLEETH TELLS DRUGGIST BURKE THAT NERV- WORTH DROVE THEM AWAY.

This well known Adamston resident makes some statements to the following that her suffering acquaintances will certainly take to heart.

"I have been troubled with rheumatism and nervousness for eight or ten years. I could not sleep or eat to amount to very much for at least six years.

"I have doctored with two or three doctors and have taken different kinds of medicine but have failed to get any relief from either.

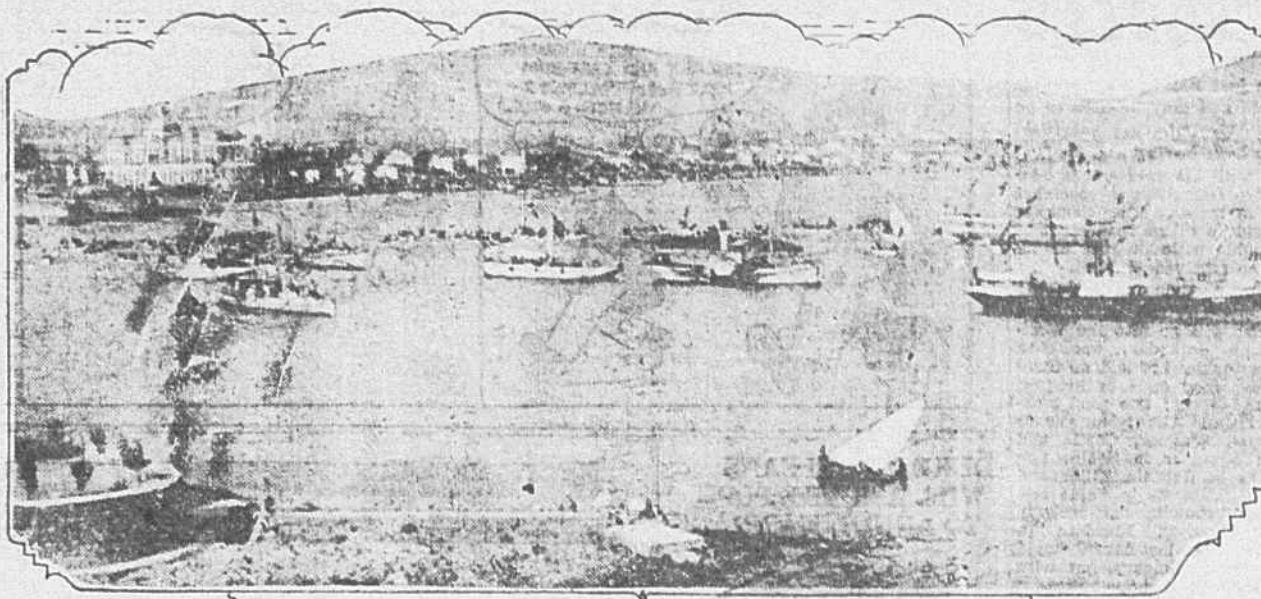
"And since I have taken one bottle of your famous medicine called Nerv- Worth I have not been troubled with either rheumatism or nervousness. Also I can eat and sleep well.

"I can heartily recommend this great medicine to all who suffer from the same trouble that I have had.

"Yours truly,
"ELIZA SLEETH.
"Adamston, W. Va."

Your dollar back at Burke's Drug Store if Nerv-Worth does not overcome your nervous illness. Advertisement.

GREEK FLEET OFF ATHENS DARES MAKE NO MOVE AGAINST THE ALLIED FLEET



Greek fleet in Phaleron Bay; Athens in distance.

Greece's little fleet was powerless when the allies decided to take possession of the capital of the nation. Greek warships remained at rest as French marines landed on Greek soil and marched to the capital. The photo shows one good reason why no resistance was offered. The Greek fleet would be just a mouthful for the powerful allied fleet at Saloniki.

WOMEN ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR CRUSADE

Against Smoke According to Osborn Monnett of the City of Chicago in Speech.

PITTSBURGH, Oct. 25.—Women are responsible for the crusade against smoke according to Osborn Monnett, former smoke inspector of Chicago, in a speech here today in connection with the Smoke Abatement Week celebration.

"In each city in this country," said Mr. Monnett, "in which a vigorous campaign is being carried on against the smoke nuisance, you will find that the movement was inaugurated by women."

"There are very good reasons why women should be interested in the smoke abatement movement. The biggest industry in the country is not steel, nor automobiles nor moving pictures, but housekeeping. More money is spent in housekeeping than on any two of the big industries of the United States. Yet very little united effort is made in the cities to prevent destruction of this great industry by smoke and dirt."

"An average taken of the damage done by smoke in Chicago, Cincinnati, Buffalo and Cleveland shows that the per capita cost is nearly \$12, or about \$60 per year per family. The smoke investigation of the Mellon Institute figures that the per capita cost of the smoke nuisance in Pittsburgh was about \$20, or \$100 per family. What family in your knowledge is able to spend this amount for damage done by smoke and dirt?"

TWO ARRESTS MADE

As a Result of a Free-for-All Fight in a Norwood Restaurant.

Resulting from a free for all fight which occurred in a Norwood restaurant recently John A. Murray and Homer Otterman were arrested by Constable R. J. Bartlett Tuesday evening and will be tried in Magistrate Jackson V. Carter's court at 7:30 o'clock Thursday evening.

Murray was arrested on a warrant sworn out by Otterman charging him with being drunk and disorderly in the restaurant and Otterman was arrested on a warrant sworn out by Murray charging him with assaulting and beating him.

From what can be learned of the affair Murray entered the restaurant and according to Otterman became noisy and when asked to leave the place refused to do so. In a fight which followed Murray alleges that Otterman struck him with a club, which he produced as evidence.

LOW WAGES
Miner in Japan Receives Only Fifty Cents for Eight Hours' Work, Says a Jap.

PITTSBURGH, Oct. 25.—In order to develop the natural resources of Japan, advanced methods of lead, zinc, copper and gold mining will be adopted by the mining interests of that country, according to S. Yasukawa, one of the most noted gold mining engineers in the Orient, who is now in Pittsburgh. He has inspected mines of importance west of Pittsburgh as well as the experiment station of the United States bureau of mines here. He says that gold miners in Japan receive fifty cents a day, working in eight hour shifts.

FORCES RETIRE.
BUCHAREST, Oct. 25.—Roumanian forces operating in Dobruja have retired to the north of the Danube town of Tchernavoda, according to the Roumanian official statement today.

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FLOATING
Roller Skating Rink to Be Used in River Towns is Being Constructed.

PITTSBURGH, Oct. 25.—Construction of a floating roller skating rink which when completed will be towed to various river towns and kept there for stated periods has been started by Captain William McNally, owner of the excursion steamer Sunshine. The rink, which will have a skating space of 160 by thirty-four feet, is being built on the hull of the former twoboat Mariner. When he purchased the hull last February, Captain McNally intended building a new excursion steamer but owing to the high cost of material and labor, the project was abandoned.

VICTORY

In This State for the Republican Party Greater Than Ever Robinson Says.

WELLSBURG, Oct. 25.—Judge Ira E. Robinson, Republican nominee for governor, arrived here this morning to attend the Brooke county barbecue. He was full of confidence after completing a tour through the counties in the lower end of the state and declared that the Republican party in his opinion would win a greater victory in West Virginia this year than ever.

There is no doubt that Robinson has made wonderful gains over his opponent within the last two weeks. Straw votes taken during the last week in Logan, Kanawha, Mercer, Roane and other counties in that section indicate that he will not only get all the Republican votes there but that he will get more than the usual majority. Last night the judge addressed the biggest political meeting ever held in the town of Reedy, Roane county.

URIC ACID POISONING
The most eminent physicians recognize that uric acid stored up in the system is the cause of rheumatism, that this uric acid poison is present in the joints, muscles or nerves. By experimenting and analysis at the Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute in Buffalo, N. Y., Dr. Pierce discovered a combination of native remedies that he called "Anuric"—which drives out the uric acid from the system, and in this way the pain, swelling and inflammation subside. If you are a sufferer from rheumatism, backache, neuralgia, or any other ailment caused here or there, you can obtain "Anuric" at any drug store and get relief from the pains and ills brought about by uric acid; or send Dr. Pierce 10c. for trial package "Anuric"—many times more potent than lithia and eliminates uric acid as hot water melts sugar. A short trial will convince you.—Advertisement.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION.
STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA.
At Rules held in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Harrison County, on Monday, the second day of October, 1916, the following order was entered:
JAMES U. SMITH, Plaintiff.
VS.
VALLEY CITY CHAIR COMPANY, a corporation, defendant.

Object of Suit.
The object of the above entitled action is for the recovery of money due to the plaintiff from the defendant for work and labor done and performed from the 1st day of May, 1916, until the 27th day of September, 1916, as traveling salesman for the said defendant, and to enforce the payment of such money due as aforesaid by process of attachment and garnishment.

And it appearing from an affidavit filed in said suit that the said defendant corporation is a foreign corporation and a non-resident of this state, it is ordered that it do appear within one month from the date of the first publication of this order and do what is necessary to protect its interests herein.

Given under my hand this 2nd day of October, 1916.
E. WOOD COFFMAN, Clerk.
CHARLES C. SCOTT, Counsel for Plaintiff.

OUCH! LAME BACK. RUB LUMBAGO OR BACKACHE AWAY

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Rub old, honest "St. Jacobs' Oil" whenever you have sciatica, neuralgia, rheumatism or sprains, as it is absolutely harmless and doesn't burn the skin.—Advertisement.

GASSED

Is Cameraman While Standing over a Sewer Manhole in the City of Pittsburgh.

PITTSBURGH, Oct. 25.—A relief cameraman in the downtown section of the city was brought before the police trial board on a charge of drunkenness, charges having been made against him by a lieutenant who is alleged to have found him staggering at his post of duty.

"You are charged with neglect of duty, being intoxicated and physically unfit to perform the work required of you," said the chairman of the board to the policeman.

"It's a lie," the accused firmly replied. "I was gassed."

"Flabbergassed," suggested a member of the board.

"No, not flabbergassed," replied the cameraman, "but gassed, plain every day gassed, standing at my post of duty over a sewer manhole; and if you don't get busy in fixing places of that sort you'll have a fed dead policeman on your hands for it kills quick."

No verdict was reached by the board.

SMOKE

Abatement Week is Being Observed by the Residents of the City of Pittsburgh.

PITTSBURGH, Oct. 25.—Smoke abatement week is being observed in Pittsburgh this week and many speakers who have made a study of this subject will be heard here. Plans have also been made to show by the use of lantern slides, the work accomplished since 1912 in cleaning the local sky line. Among the speakers are J. W. Henderson of Pittsburgh, chief of the bureau of smoke regulation; O. F. Hood, chief mechanical engineer of the United States bureau of mines; Osborn Monnett, former smoke inspector of the western Pennsylvania division of the Pennsylvania lines; and Dr. William L. Hollman.

BISHOP TO PREACH.

The Right Rev. William L. Gravatt, bishop of the diocese, will preach at 11 o'clock Sunday morning in Christ Episcopal church and officiate at the morning services. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

Why Not Get Rid of Eczema?

If your skin itches and burns with eczema or any such tormenting, unsightly skin disease, simply wash the sore places with Resinol Soap and hot water, dry, and apply a little Resinol Ointment. Usually the itching stops INSTANTLY, you no longer have to dig and scratch, sleep becomes possible, and healing begins. That is because the soothing, antiseptic Resinol medication arrests the action of the disease, and almost always restores the tortured, inflamed skin to perfect health—quickly, easily, and at little cost. Prescribed by doctors for over 20 years, and sold by every druggist.

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